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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE VISIT TO US

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SUMMARY: PARLIAMENTARY (STORTING) ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS MET AND OUTLINED VISIT PROPOSAL TO US, WHICH WE ARE HOPING CAN BE ARRANGED. COMMITTEE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NORWEGIAN LABOR MINISTER, AND BY ENVIRONMENT MINISTER DURING LATTER PART OF VIST. END SUMMARY.

1. BASED ON MOST HELPFUL PROGRAM PROPOSALS CONTAINED STATE 140932, NORWEGIAN STORTING'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS MET AND OUTLINED FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WHICH HTYE HOPE WILL BE FEASIBLE.

AUG-22- DEPART OSLO 1315 OSLO TIME, ARRIVE ANCHORAGE 1550 LOCAL TIME REST.

AUG-23- MEETING WITH EPA ALASKA PIPELINE OFFICER AND ALYESKA.

AGU-24- VISIT TO OFFSHORE PLATOFRM IN COOKS INLET AND TERMINAL FACILITIES. DELEGATION ASKS IF THIS IS POSSIBLE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION.

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AUG -25- VISIT AUKE BAY LABORTORY, JUNEAU, IS NATIONAL MARITIME

FISHERIES LAB ANOTHER NAME FOR AUKE BAY AND DOES "HARMFUL EFFECTS OF OIL IN ARCTIC ENVIRONMENT" DESCRIBE AUKE BAY PROGRAM OR ARE THESE SEPARATE PROGRAM ITEMS?

AUG-26- DEPART JUNEAU 0900; ARRIVE SANFAN FRANCISCO 1500.

AUG-27- MEET WITH UNION OIL CORP FOR BRIEFING ON SANTA BARBARA INCIDENT.

AUG- 28-29- FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING AND REST.

AUG-30- DEPART SAN FRANCISCO 0900; ARRIVE NEW YORK 1727.

AUG-31- BRIEFING AT EDISON WATER QUALITY LABORTORY ON CLEAN UP EQUIPMENT, MEETING WITH BLM AND CLEAN ATLANTIC COOPERATIVE. REQUEST BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF BLM'S AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS.

SEPT-1- VISIT USN SUPERINTENDENT OF SALVAGE IN BAYONNE, N.J.

SEPT-2- WASHINGTON, DC, FOR BREIFING WITH EPA AND COAST GUARD.

SEPT-3- MEETING WITH US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO DISCUSS SAFETY AND CONTROL MEASURES IN CONNECTION WITH OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING.

2. GROUP NOW EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF 22 PERSONS: 14 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 1 COMMITTEE STAFF, 2 MINISTER (ONE REPLACED BY HER UNDERSECRETARY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE TRIP), 4 CIVILI SERVANTS AND 1 STATE RADIO CORRESPONDENT. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE CHAIRMAN ALF JAKOB FOSTERVOLL(UNTIL RECENTLY MINISTER OF DEFENSE), THORBJORN BERNTSEN, OTTAR BROX, MARTIN BUVIK, ARNT HAGEN, KIRSTIN LONNINGDAL, PER MELLESMO, KIRSTEN NYKLEVOLL, OLE NYRVOLL, ANTON SKULBERG, JOHNNY STENBERG, JOHANNES VAGSNES AND ODD WITH. COMMITTEE SECRETARY IS STEIN INGE SPURKLAND, OTHERS WILL BE MINISTER LEIF AUNE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL KARE HALDEN FOR LABOR MINISTRY; MINISTER FRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND (WILL JOIN THE GROUP AUG 31), UNDER SECRETARY TORE-JARL CHRISTENSEN,(AUG 22-30) AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHRISTIA HAMBRO FROM ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY; ARNE FLIKKE FROM THE STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OIL DIRECTORATE AND TOR STEINUM OF NORWAY'S STATE RADIO.

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3. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER BRUDNTLAND WILL ALSO REQUEST ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING IN WASHINGTON WHICH WE WILL SUBMIT LATER BY SEPTTEL. WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HER TO MEET WITH EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN AND NASA OFFICIALS ON APPLICATION OF EARTH SURVEY SPACECRAFT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING.

4. IF THIS PROGRAM IS FEASIBLE COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO MAKE PLANS

URGING US AGENCIES TO MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS AND NORWEGIAN
EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO ARRANGE TRAVEL AND LODGING.

5. COMMITTEE AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT BY USG
AGENCIES AS TO WHETHER THIS IS OPTIMUM PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF
COMMITTEE'S STATED AREAS OF INTEREST, AND WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS
FOR REFINEMENTS OR CHANGES.
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